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Subject: RE: Need for NEPA completion - CE/CX

That's what I thought - but then I found out that the Decision on the Exchange EA won't be available until June. We need a NEPA document that concludes there are no significant environmental issues with the proposed Partial Revocation in order to forward the package to WO - which at this point can be a CE/CX. We'll still include the Exchange EA report with the package, but we need a decision. Without a decision document, we'll have to

wait to submit the PLO package until the Decision on the Exchange EA is available, and nobody wants to do that, right?

Respectfully,

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Couldn't it be part of the decision notice being done for the entire exchange?

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Does the CE/CX need to be included in the withdrawal package to the WO?

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Dee,

Per our discussion late yesterday, I thought we (BLM) could conduct the CX for the Partial Revocation either here in the State Office or at the Field Office. I've since discovered that will not be possible under current workload priorities, especially in the time frame that the CE/CX is needed. So, I regret to inform you that the CE/CX will need to be performed and provided by the Forest Service.

The BLM NEPA Handbook (H-1790-1) provides an exclusion for this action at Appendix 4, #E-3, which states:

Withdrawal revocations, terminations, extensions, or modifications ... where the land would be opened only to discretionary land laws and where subsequent discretionary actions (prior to implementation) are in conformance with and are covered by a Resource Management Plan/EIS (or plan amendment and EAQ or EIS).

Hopefully the FS NEPA Handbook contains a similar CE/CX.

Let me know.

Respectfully,

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